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AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE MID-TERM
REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
UNITED NATIONS NEW AGENDA FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA IN THE 1990s
New York, 16-20 September 1996
Item 3 of the provisional agenda

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session.

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6. Adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Annotations

1. Opening of the session

The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly for the Mid-term Review of the Implementation of the United Nations new Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s will be convened at United Nations Headquarters on Monday, 16 September 1996.

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2. Election of the Rapporteur

Paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 50/160 A of 22 December 1995 provided that the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Committee should be constituted at the highest appropriate level and be composed of a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur. At its organizational session, on 20 June 1996, the Ad Hoc Committee elected the Chairman and three Vice-Chairmen by acclamation. 1/ It decided to defer the election of the Rapporteur to its session in September 1996.

3. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The Ad Hoc Committee shall adopt its agenda contained in the present document.

At its organizational session, the Ad Hoc Committee decided to establish two working groups. Working Group I will deal with the assessment of national efforts based on relevant inputs from African countries, and Working Group II with the response of the international community, including the United Nations system, and the necessary measures to accelerate and improve the implementation of the New Agenda. 2/ During its meeting on 23 July 1996, the Bureau decided that two of the Vice-Chairmen should preside over the two Working Groups. Mr. Samuel R. Insanally (Guyana) will preside over Working Group I and Mr. Alex Reyn (Belgium) over Working Group II.

4. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations

At its organizational session, the Ad Hoc Committee decided to grant maximum participation to non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and other non-governmental organizations that had been contributing to the implementation of the New Agenda, in conformity with established rules and accepted practices. 3/ The annex to the report of the Secretary-General on accreditation of non-governmental organizations provides a list of organizations, which have been evaluated by the Secretariat on a case-by-case basis as to whether they were in compliance with the requirements of Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/80 of 30 July 1993. Accreditation to the session could be done on a consensus basis by the Ad Hoc Committee during its first meeting.

During its meeting on 23 July 1996, the Bureau decided that non-governmental organizations would be allowed to be present in formal meetings, and that they could make a statement each at the opening and the closing sessions. Non-governmental organizations were also asked to nominate four delegates (two African and two non-African) to participate in each of the two Working Groups as observers.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on accreditation of non-governmental organizations to participate in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee (A/AC.251/5)

5. Conduct of the mid-term review

The General Assembly, in its resolution 50/160 A, decided that the Ad Hoc Committee was the most appropriate mechanism to prepare the mid-term review in 1996 of the implementation of the New Agenda, as provided for in the annex to resolution 46/151 of 18 December 1991. The General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Ad Hoc Committee a report on the implementation of the New Agenda and to continue ensuring close cooperation with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity concerning the contributions of the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system. Furthermore, estimates of the projected resource requirements from all sources needed for the full implementation of the New Agenda should be included.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (A/51/228)

Report of the Secretary-General on estimates of projected resource requirements for the full implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (A/51/228/Add.1)

Additional background/information documents

Report of the Organization of African Unity on assessment and recommendations on the implementation of the New Agenda

Report of the Common Fund for Commodities on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 49/142

Report entitled "Partners in progress - Africa and the international community", on the assessment of the implementation of the New Agenda and the Tokyo Declaration

Report on the seminar on the implementation of the New Agenda, held at Tokyo on 27 and 28 August 1996

Report on the emerging role of non-governmental organizations in African sustainable development

6. Adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee

The Ad Hoc Committee will adopt a report on the work of its session, which will form the basis of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, to be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session, in accordance with resolution 50/160 A.

Notes

1/ See report of the Ad Hoc Committee on its organizational session (A/AC.251/3, para. 9).

2/ Ibid., para. 11.

3/ Ibid., para. 14.

ANNEX

Proposed organization of work

Monday, 16 September

a.m.	Item 1.	Opening of the session
	Item 2.	Election of the Rapporteur
	Item 3.	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
	Item 4.	Accreditation of non-governmental organizations
	Item 5.	Conduct of the mid-term review
		Start of the general debate
p.m.*	Item 5	(Continuation of general debate)
		Start of the two Working Groups

Tuesday, 17 September

a.m.		No meetings
		(Official opening of the fifty-first session of the General Assembly)
p.m.*	Item 5	
		(Continuation and conclusion of general debate)
		Continuation of the two Working Groups

Wednesday, 18 September

a.m.	Item 5	(Continuation of the two Working Groups)
p.m.	Item 5	
		(Draft conclusion and recommendation of the Working Groups, including draft resolution)

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* The meetings of the Working Groups will be held simultaneously with the plenary meeting.

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Thursday, 19 September

a.m. Item 5

(Consultations on draft conclusion and recommendation)

p.m. Item 5

(Consultations on draft conclusion and recommendation)

Friday, 20 September

a.m. Item 5

(Action in plenary meeting on agreed conclusion and recommendation, including resolution)

p.m. Item 6. Adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee

Closure of the session